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SUBJECT: HARARE: LETTER TO PRESIDENT OBAMA FROM PRIME MINISTER TSVANGIRAI

¶1. Following is the text of a thank you letter from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Morgan R. Tsvangirai, to President Obama.

¶2. BEGIN TEXT:

8 July 2009

Mr. Barack Obama
President of the United States of America

Mr. President,

I have the honour to extend to you my sincere appreciation for the warm reception accorded to me and my delegation during my recent visit to your country.

I also wish to acknowledge the fruitful exchange of views in various matters that concern our two countries. I have no doubt that you share my commitment to rebuilding relations between our two countries.

Mr. President, I deeply appreciate your expressions of support to the process of deepening the democratic system, strengthening our political system and economic reforms that my country has embarked on. I can assure you that we in the Inclusive Government are determined to succeed in charting a new, prosperous and stable future for our country.

I wish to also extend to you, Mr. President, Zimbabwe's appreciation for the humanitarian aid and other support from your country over the years. I reaffirm my view that Zimbabwe has great potential to move from aid dependency.

I also benefited immensely from the interactions I had with Secretary of State, Mrs. Hillary Clinton, Members of Congress as well as officials of the Institutes and Foundations that we were able to meet during our stay in your great Country.

I am looking forward to regular high-level visits between our two countries.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

/s/
Morgan R. Tsvangirai
Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe

END TEXT.

¶3. The letter and an accompanying Diplomatic Note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe were received at the U.S. Embassy Harare on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. The hard copy letter will be forwarded to S/ES-CR via the next outgoing diplomatic pouch.

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